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GENERAL NEWS.

At Norfolk, on the 17th, a final answer was given to Gen. Wool's request that the city officers should take the oath of allegiance and resume entire control of the city, under the rules and regulations governing their administration of the laws. The reply was, a declension to act in their official capacity, on the ground that they had no jurisdiction; and they also refused to submit the question of carrying on the city government to the decision of the people, on the same grounds.

The gunboat Ottawa captured off Charleston, on the 6th, the schooner Gen. C. C. Pinkney, loaded with cotton. She was attempting to run the blockade, and was bound to Nassau.—The gunboat Unadilla, on the morning of the 10th, captured the schooner Mary Teresa, from Nassau, while attempting to run the Charleston blockade. She was loaded with salt and assorted merchandize, and ostensibly bound to Halifax.

The Harrisburg Patriot announces the death on Sunday last of Gen. Keim. Gen. Keim was Major Gen. of Pennsylvania volunteers during the three months campaign, and served in Gen. Patterson's column. Last fall he was appointed Brigadier Gen. of Volunteers. He commanded a brigade at Yorktown. His disease was typhoid fever and dysentery, contracted in camp.

The war in Kansas, which is now raging between Gov. Robinson, Jim Lane's friends and the Jayhawkers generally, seems likely to resolve itself into another border ruffian contest, with this single difference, that the present trouble is entirely between the free soil men themselves.

The steamer Jacob Bell came near being totally destroyed at the Washington Navy Yard yesterday, fire having been discovered in her hold about four o'clock. She had powder and a large number of shells on board, but the marine guard and sailors who were aroused, succeeded in removing the combustibles before the fire reached them, and saved the vessel.

Gen. Anderson of the Confederate army, has sent a letter under a flag of truce to Gen. McDowell, in relation to the family of the late R. E. Scott, of Fauquier, recently killed near his own residence.

An army officer just arrived from Port Royal denies the published statement that at last accounts the Federal pickets were within four miles of Savannah.

Gen. Totten, Chief Engineer U. S. A., has replied to the inquiries on the subject of the changes which may have become necessary in the fortifications and other means of defence. He lays down the following principles, which have always been maintained by engineers, viz: Fortresses must fall before a competent land attack; and that they are competent to resist and repel vessels.

The Norfolk Day Book, of Saturday, says: "We learn that the Military Governor, Viele, has turned the city over to the mayor and municipal corps, and that the night police, as far as the citizens are concerned, will resume the functions of their office. Mayor Lamb will continue his court."

The following is said to be an extract of a letter from Nashville to a commercial house in New York: "The amount of cotton *hoped for* by the agents sent out by merchants in the Eastern States, on a speculating tour, was very large; but the quantity actually ascertained to exist within reach of buyers is very small."

A letter from the Federal army approaching Richmond, published in the N. Y. Herald, says that "there are some places on the roads, over swamps and ravines, where a mile a day is considered good progress."

The N. Y. Herald says that if Gen. Hunter's proclamation could have been carried into effect, it would have freed over one million, two hundred and thirty thousand slaves, which are valued by their owners at more than six hundred millions of dollars.

It is not doubted at the U. S. Navy Department, that Congress will pass an act establishing new grades in the naval service, or increasing the number authorized for old ones, to the end that promotions may be made.

The telegraphic cable has been successfully laid across the Chesapeake Bay to Fortress Monroe, and the War Department is now in instant communication with Gen. McClellan.

Important news is now expected every hour from the armies before Richmond and Corinth. At both places the opposing forces are close to each other—and battles are expected daily.

A committee of the U. S. House of Representatives has reported against the Senate bill to remove all disqualifications of color in the U. S. mail carriers.

The report about the poisoning of a well at Perryman'sville, in Md., last winter, is now pronounced to be false.

Gen. Geary has been ordered to report to General Banks in future. He has been relieved from guarding the lower portion of the Manassas road.

"The public press generally," says the National Intelligencer, "condemns the late military order of General Hunter."

Sacramento is again to become the capital of California.

Gen. Kelly, who was wounded at Philippi, has again taken the field in Western Virginia.

The Legislature lately in session at Wheeling, Va., passed an act to the effect, "that any citizen of this State who shall, after this act takes effect, levy war against the United States, or against this State, or who shall adhere to those waging war against the same, or shall give them aid or comfort, or who shall, by writing or speaking, profess allegiance or fidelity to the so-called Confederate States of America, or who shall resist or oppose by violence, or instigate others to resist or oppose by violence, the Government of Virginia, as reorganized by the Convention which assembled at Wheeling on the 11th day of June, 1861, shall be considered as having exercised his right of expatriation so far as regards this State, and shall thenceforth be deemed no citizen of this State. But this act shall not be so construed as to apply to those who have been forced by draft or impressment into the military service of the said pretended Confederacy and who shall voluntarily return to their allegiance."

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, speaking of the arrival of the Great Eastern, states that "not a single passenger was sea sick during the entire voyage, although many on board were unused to sea voyages. During the most of the time the motion of the vessel was so slight and uniform that the passengers amused themselves by dancing, playing nine-pins, and other kindred amusements. Foot races were also instituted among the passengers and the greatest jollity and good feeling prevailed throughout the ship. The only drawback was the small number of passengers in the vessel."

John Hatton, colored, has filed his petition with the Emancipation Commissioners, claiming compensation for his three children—Martha, Henry and George—all of whom are grown.—Martha and Henry were purchased from Ellsworth Bayne, of Prince George's county, Md., in 1841, for \$128, and George was purchased from John H. Bayne, in 1844, for \$100. Hatton values his children now at \$1,000 each, and has stated his claim at that figure.

Fuel is coming in to the Baltimore market in large quantities. Pine wood, by the cargo, \$3 75@4 50 per cord, according to quality; at retail, \$4@5 per cord. Oak wood, per cargo, \$4 @5 per cord, and at retail \$4 50@5 50 per cord. Hickory wood \$6 per cord at retail, little or none being sold by the cargo. Coal from the yards, for household purposes, sells at \$4 75@5 50 per ton, according to quality.

The bark Wild Gazelle, from Mississippi, reports that the prize steamer P. C. Wallis, while on the way to New Orleans, with a battery of artillery on board, sprung a leak and sunk. The crew were saved by the gunboat Saxon.

Capt. Robert Ritchie has been ordered to take charge of the U. S. property at the Norfolk navy yard.

Acting Master C. H. Daniels has been ordered to the Washington navy yard.